

Falcon Focus

News for Neighborhood Watch Leaders in the Falcon Patrol District

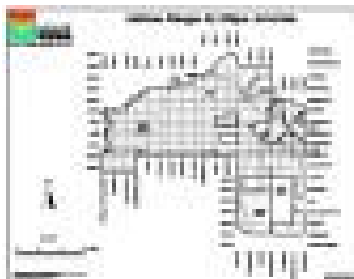
AMEE PROGRAM

ABDUCTION-MOLESTATION-EXPLOITATION-EDUCATION

The Mesa Police Department Crime Prevention Unit will be offering a parents awareness class called, "A.M.E.E." (Abduction-Molestation-Exploitation-Education). This presentation will be an overview to help parents understand the risks of sex crimes involving children and prevention strategies to help their child avoid becoming a victim. The 2 hour class will explain types of abductions, offender profiles, signs to look for in abuse victims, discuss recent national abductions and local missing children's cases. It will also talk about sex offender registration and prevention programs available to children.

AMEE was designed to supplement the current "Be Alert" program, a child safety presentation using magic and puppets to teach safety awareness to children Kindergarten-third grade. Parents need to be informed and armed with helpful tools so they can teach and reinforce these skills to their children.

AMEE will be offered at various times and locations. If you have questions about the program or would like to get on the mailing list for future dates, you can contact Jerry Quarles at: 480-644-2539



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Neighborhood Watch Upgrade

We are faced with a simple choice. Either we are part of the solution or we are part of the problem. By ignoring and denying that we do have a problem with crime, we place our children, property and way of life at risk. By progressively addressing crime in our communities we will become part of the solution. An important step towards the solution is for responsible citizens and communities to create partnerships with law enforcement and other city departments that will address these important quality of life issues. When we take responsibility to become part of the solution, we create proactive communities that take pride in accomplishments.

Calendar of Events

August 31 & September 2

Or

November 2 & 4

**Rape Aggression Defense
(Self Defense for Women)**

5 to 9:30 PM

Red Mountain

Multigenerational Center

September 23

G.A.I.N. Kick-Off

6 to 8 PM

Public Safety Training

3260 N. 40th Street, Mesa

By Invitation only

October 9

G.A.I.N. Event

**Getting Arizona Involved
in Neighborhoods**

5 to 9 PM

Various Mesa Neighborhoods

December 3

Merry Main Street

5 to 10 PM

**Various Activities, music and
vendors**

Downtown Main Street

GAIN 2004

Online Registration

www.cityofmesa.org/police/gain.asp

Deadline for registration forms is

Friday, September 24, 2004

5:00 p.m.

Neighborhood parties are an excellent way to meet neighbors, but after you have met everyone, then what? The first step is to move beyond the potluck parties and take a step backward to get a better picture of your community. Ask yourself: Where do I see my neighborhood in 2 to 5 years? What changes would I like to see? How will I get there? Neighborhood Watch simply asks participants to immediately report all suspicious persons and activities to the police department. This action will help reduce crime, but will it enhance the program making it stronger and more viable?

Once, you have an active Neighborhood Watch up and running, this will be an excellent time to establish a mission statement and goals for the program.

The mission statement should be a clear representation of the groups purpose for existence. It should incorporate meaningful and measurable criteria addressing concepts such as focus, direction, and expectations of growth. A good mission statement will define and motivate your group. A sample mission statement might be, "Our mission is to welcome all new neighbors, build and nurture partnerships, and maintain a safe and caring community with proactive participation."

Goals describe what you want to accomplish with as much detail as possible. Your neighborhood needs clear direction. In order to chart that direction, it is important to determine the social and physical needs of the neighborhood. Schedule a meeting to ask the following questions of the residents to help your group set realistic long-term and short term goals.

- What would we like to accomplish over the next two to five years?
- Are the residents in our neighborhood unified?
- Is there anything in our neighborhood that needs to be improved?
- What do we want to preserve and enhance in our neighborhood?
- What can we do to help make our neighborhood a safer place for our families to live?

Be realistic, establish goals you know you are actually capable of obtaining. Determine priority issues/concerns, and include all neighborhood residents that want to participate in the process. Residents that participate are more likely to buy into the program and contribute actively, thus helping achieve the goals set by the Neighborhood Watch organization.